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Diseases &c of brain Nerves cont?:

For the chronic state of this excess Sensibility, gentle frictions - cold Air - & exercise promise Success. Considering how much sensibil? is encreased by a full-ness of the blood Vessels - Vs: sh?: not be omitted. If it arises from a wound, the nerve should be destroyed by the knife, or a Caustic.

Excess of Irritability

discovers itself by convulsions or startings upon the slightest impressions upon the Senses of touch - hearing - hearing & smell. - I described a case of it in a young woman in the yellow fever of 1798. The noise of the door as I entered the her room, - my Voice - & above all, my fingers when I touched her pulse, excited startings bordering upon Convulsions in her whole System.

V From the existence of morbid sensibty.
& Irritabty. independantly of each Other,
you will now understand the reason why
in some diseases there is great pain & the worst
any appearance of morbid action. &
in Others great morbid action, with
little or no pain. In the one case, the
moving
fibres are prostrated below the moving
point
in the Other - the sentient fibres are
prostrated below the sensibility point.

This morbid irritability yield to Vs - Op
and the usual Remedies for yellow fever.

This distressing disease of the nerves some-
-times appears in a chronic form. It is excited
by the human Voice - & even by the human
face. An English Gent.n lately visited this
city whose whole Nervous System was thrown
into Convulsions every time he came into
company. They were renewed when ever he
was spoken to, or drank to at dinner.
A Rheumatism suspended them for some
time. This suggests the propriety of Remedies
which occasion pain - for in this irritable
state of the nerves, sensibility is generally
in a deficient state. Pain would probably
equalize this state of healthy action.

The cause of sensibility & irritability

constituting Irritability appears in Hysteria & Epilepsy. Its Remedies ~~are~~ were mentioned in treating of those diseases. Vesn. = Injections; bandages should not be forgotten. I have twice seen them useful. Afterwards the Cold Bath - & exercise shd complete the Cure. If - it shd be attended with plethora, and a full or tense pulse V.S. should not be Omitted.

a Defect of Sensibility called by Dr Cullen Stupor appears in the Skin Nerves & muscles. We read of persons who have borne pins to be thrust into y^e flesh with= =out feeling them. The ~~Negroes~~ Negroes in the Island of Jamaica Dr Edwards says talk with composure while under the

amputating knife of a Surgeon. Heat & cold - fasting and fulness, also emotions &c. = cotic medicines produce it. Its Remedies should be accommodated to its remote causes. when from Heat - its remedy will be cold, when from Cold - Heat cures it. This has often been proved by persons who have contracted it in a hot climate, visiting & residing in a Cold Climate & vice versa.

A defect of Irritability - or Torpor of the nervous System, appears in the languid emotions of the limbs - in the coldness & dryness of the Skin. This is so great that Blisters do not act upon it. - It appears in the Stomach & bowels, - hence they are often immoveable by the large doses of Emetics & purges.

The acute forms of this dis disorder is often cured by VS & other depleting remedies. Its chronic forms yields to the hot bath - and a sale exercise - & salivation.

The Inertia of a defect of Sensibility & Irritability of the nervous System appears in the skin & limbs in the typhus fever. hence patients in it sometimes lose loose their toes & feet without feeling, or moving them. It appears chiefly in ~~Odontalgia~~ Malalgia, & fatuity in which cases, the body partakes nearly as much of the Vegetable as the Animal nature. Its Remedies are the same as for those diseases or disorders. The hot bath should first be employed to thaw (as it were) the

nervous hysteria - Afterwards the cold
bath - ℈ and pain - promise a cure.